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SUBJECT: SLOVAKIA RELEASES STATEMENT WELCOMING P5 + 1
APPROACH TO IRAN

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¶1. (U) The Slovak Ministry of Foreign Affairs released the following statement in reaction to the P5 plus 1 meeting regarding Iran's nuclear weapons program on June 1. The original text is available in Slovak at www.mzv.sk:

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) of the Slovak Republic welcomes the agreement of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the member states of the Security Council of the UN plus Germany about the package of incentives, which will be offered to Iran with the condition that it set aside the problem of Iran's nuclear program. The MFA of the Slovak Republic considers this proposal a significant step towards the renewing of mutual confidence, dialogue and the negotiation of a mutually beneficial solution.

The Slovak Republic together with international community expects that the Iranian side will accept this appeal towards a constructive dialogue on the basis of the aforementioned proposal, and will meet the conditions of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and the UN Security Council.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Slovak Republic in this way especially welcomes the decision of the U.S. Government to directly participate in negotiations with Iranian officials, which is dependent upon the Iranian side fully and credibly ending the process of transforming and enriching nuclear material. The MFA of the Slovak Republic believes that the role of the USA in negotiations raises the chances of reaching an agreement.

The offered package of incentives offers Iran the possibility to decide whether it will go down the path of

dialogue or confrontation. The MFA of the Slovak Republic believes that Iran's leadership will carefully consider the proposal and avoid a further deterioration of the situation, which would force the international community to adopt adequate measures in accordance with the UN charter.

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